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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOGADISCIO 1029

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, OAU, MAO, TZ, MZ

SUDJECT: OAU MANEUVERING: MACHEL CANDIDACY FOR CHAIRMANSHIP

REF' A) MOGADISCIO 1015 B) LOURENCO MARQUES 764

1. AFRICAN DIPLOMATIC OBSERVERS HERE HAVE PROVIDED FOR US AD  
DITIONAL

BACKGROUND REGARDING NYEAREBDS REPORTED SUGGESTION TO SIAD THAT  
SANORA MACHEL REPLACE AMIN ANSOAU CHAIRMAN FOR 75"76.

NV ACC XING DIPLOMATIC HEREN NYERERE FIRST FLOATED IDEA WITH SIAD  
DURING LATTER'S PARTICIPATION IN MOZAMBIQUE INDEPENDENCE DAY  
CELEPHRATIONS. SIAD REPORTEDLY AGREED IN CONFIDENCE TO LOOK INTO  
POSSIBILITY AND TO DETERMINE IF OTHER AFRICAN STATES MIGHT SUPPORT  
MACHEL'S CANDIDACY AS SUBSTITUTE FOR AMIN. IT IS NOT RPT NOT CLEAR  
WHETHER SIAD WAS HIMSELF WILLING TO ATTEMPT PERSUADE AMIN TO STEP  
ASIDE IF MACHEL OPTION WAS AGREEABLE TO MAJORITY OF OAU AFRICAN  
HEADS OF STATE.

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3. BEFORE SIAD COULD FULLY EXPLORE IDEA, HOWEVER, TANZANIAN PRESS

LEAKED NEWS THAT SIAD DID NOT RPT NOT SUPPORT AMIN, WHICH WAS EVIDENTLY DISTORTION OF SIAD'S PRIVATE ASSURANCES TO NYERERE THAT HE WOULD STUDY POSSIBILITY OF MACHEL CANDIDACY.

4. SOMALI MEDDIA

IMMEDIATELY HIT BACK AT TANZANIAN NEWS ITEM AND ON JULY 4 SIAD VIGOROUSLY DENIED THAT HE HAD QTE PROPOSED THAT FORTHCOMING OAU SUMMIT NOT RPT NOT ELECT AMCC AS CHAIRMAN UNQTE.

5. ON JULY 7, PRESIDENT AMIN FLEW INTO MOGADISCIO FOR QUICK TWO-DAY VISIT. WE SUSPECT THAT AMIN HIMSELF WAS ATTEMPTING GET SIAD'S ASSURANCES THAT LATTER FULLY SUPPORTED KAMPALA VENUE AND AMIN HIMSELF AS OAU CHAIRMAN.

6. NYERERE HIMSELF PAID TWO-DAY STATE VISIT JULY 04. SOME DIPLOMATS

SAY BOTH LEADERS WANTED OPPORTUNITY TO SMOOTH OUT INTER ALIA ANY MISUNDERSTANDINGS WHICH MIGHT HAVE RESULTED FROM MACHEL ISSUE.

7. WHILE WE CANNOT VOUCH FOR ACCURACY OF ABOVE, IT NEVERTHELESS MAY HAVE SOME SMALL BASIS IN FACT.

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